

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Submitting to the Voters in a )  
Countywide Election a Five Year Rate ) RESOLUTION  
Based Serial Levy to Fund Library ) 97-164  
Services )

WHEREAS, the 1996 three-year library levy was superseded by Measure 50; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County (Board) considers adequate funding to maintain quality library services in Multnomah County to be necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that existing and anticipated County revenues are insufficient to provide adequate library services; and

WHEREAS, the Board Of County Commissioners construe "adequate funding" to include no less than four hours of Sunday afternoon operations at all branches; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that in order to provide adequate funding for library services it is necessary to restore the County's library tax levies for five fiscal years commencing July 1, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 in excess of the amounts within tax revenues permitted by Measure 50; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

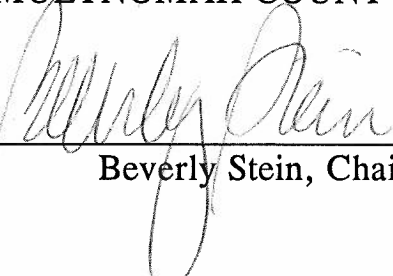
1. An election is called to be held on November 4, 1997, at which the measure described in Exhibit "A" (Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement) shall be submitted to the electors of Multnomah County.
2. Exhibit "A" (Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement ) is adopted and made a part of this Resolution. The Ballot Title shall be printed substantially in the form set forth herein.

3. The Levy will be outside the limitations of Article XI, Section 11, Oregon Constitution.
4. The foregoing election and election date are certified to the Director of the Multnomah County Division of Elections.

ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1997.

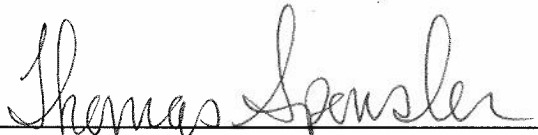


BOARD OR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
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Beverly Stein, Chair

REVIEWED:

THOMAS SPONSLER, COUNTY COUNSEL  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By   
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Thomas Sponsler, County Counsel

revised 8/21/97

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **BALLOT TITLE**

#### **CAPTION:**

Public Library Five Year Serial Levy

**MEASURE 26-58**

#### **QUESTION:**

Shall Multnomah County operate Libraries, levy 59.47 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, outside permanent rate for five years beginning 1998-99?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

The proposed levy will be in effect for five years.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50 percent voter turnout.

Levy keeps the Central Library and all branch libraries open to the public and provides these expanded services:

- More library hours at Central and all branch libraries;
- All branches will have Sunday afternoon hours;
- Open busiest libraries on Mondays;
- More books and other library materials;
- Children's library programs including story hours, homework help, art programs, special reading initiatives, and services to children in day care;
- Special library programs for all audiences including adults, seniors, and youth on local history, computers and other subjects;

If the levy is not approved, library services will remain at current reduced level with shortened hours, fewer books and fewer services.

Levy cost estimate is 59.47 cents per \$1,000 assessed value per year. Typical home pays an additional \$6 per month as a result of this levy.

The levy, dedicated to library operations, is estimated to provide \$19.7 million in 1998-99, \$20.4 million in 1999-2000, \$21.3 million in 2000-01, \$22.1 million in 2001-02, and \$23 million in 2002-03.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

Measure 26-58 will renew library operations, allowing the libraries to provide services planned prior to passage of Measure 47. It will help operate the downtown Central Library, and all library branches: Gresham, Midland, St. Johns, North Portland, Albina, Hollywood, Gregory Heights, Rockwood, Holgate, Woodstock, Belmont, Sellwood-Moreland, Hillsdale and Capitol Hill.

#### **Increased Hours for County Libraries**

It will increase the number of days and hours these libraries are open and will increase the amount spent on books and other library materials. It will provide for the opening and operation of two new libraries, one in Northwest Portland and one in cooperation with the Parkrose School District.

#### **Who the Library Serves**

The Multnomah County Library serves the people of Multnomah County by providing books and other materials to meet their information, education, cultural, and recreation needs.

The County Library system is among the busiest in the nation and provides services every year to over 500,000 library card holders; over 70% of the people who live in Multnomah County. Nearly 8.5 million books and

other library materials are borrowed from the library each year. Library staff annually responds to more than 800,000 requests for information. More than 1,000 people a day access the library by dialing in to the library's automated system.

### **What the Library Provides: Books and More**

Approving the library levy will provide for the following:

- All branches will have Sunday afternoon hours.
- Operating and staffing downtown Central Library, Gresham Library, Midland Library, and 12 other branch libraries located throughout Multnomah County.
- Restoring and extending hours at the Central and branch libraries.
- Buying more books and other library materials and continuing improvements in library technology.
- Operating and staffing two new branches, a medium sized library in Northwest Portland and a small branch in cooperation with Parkrose School District.
- Improving library service to children, adults and senior citizens with special needs.
- Providing 24-hour-a-day access to DYNA, the library's computerized card catalog and community resource and events calendar data base, and increasing access to other computerized information for the public.
- Expanding special programs for children including story hours for toddlers, services for children in daycare, homework help for students, art programs and reading initiatives. Offering adult and senior citizen programs on technology and other subjects.
- Providing information and reference materials for students, job-seekers, business users and the general public.
- Gaining free access for Multnomah County residents to the special library collections housed at the Oregon Historical Society

This library levy is about 59.47 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The typical home in Multnomah County pays an additional \$6 per month over five years for library operations and the services listed above.

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10 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
11 FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

12 COURTNEY G. WILTON,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 MULTNOMAH COUNTY, a municipal  
16 corporation and political subdivision of the State  
of Oregon,

17 Respondent.  
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No. 9709-06914

ORDER CERTIFYING BALLOT  
TITLE FOR MEASURE # 26-58

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20 Rosenblum, Judge

21 This matter having come before the court on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, 1997 on petition to  
22 review the Ballot Title for county Measure # 26-58, the Public Library Five Year Serial Levy.

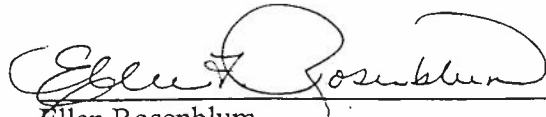
23 The court finds that the sentence, "If approved, the levy may provide partial replacement  
24 funding for library services currently financed by the County's general fund," should be added to  
25 the Ballot Title Summary after the statement, "If the levy is not approved, library services will  
26 remain at current reduced level with shortened hours, fewer books and fewer services."

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2 The court finds that the Ballot Title, as modified and attached, is legally sufficient and  
3 comports with the requirements of ORS 250.035.

4 IT IS ORDERED that the Ballot Title, as modified, for County Measure #26-58 is hereby  
5 CERTIFIED.  
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8 IT IS SO ORDERED  
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10 DATED this 18 day of September, 1997.  
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14 Ellen Rosenblum  
15 Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge  
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17 Prepared by:  
18 Thomas Sponsler, OSB #75006  
19 County Counsel  
20 Of Attorneys for Defendant  
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